

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A seat, comprising:
a seatback and a leg rest supported by a seat cushion for pivotal movement;
and
driving means for driving the seatback and the leg rest;
a strain gauge provided on at least wherein one of a back surface on the proximal side of a frame provided in the seatback and a frame provided in the leg rest is provided with a strain gauge for detecting, during an inclining movement, a force that acts on the frame in a direction opposite to a direction of the inclining movement, and
an operation-stopping means instantly ceasing a pivotal movement of at least one of the seatback and the leg rest not damaging obstacles thereunder when a force detected by the strain gauge is larger than a predetermined reference value.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The seat as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising alarm means for alarming that a large force is applied on at least one of the seatback and the leg rest, which is provided with the strain gauge therein, when the force that the strain gauge detected is larger than a predetermined reference value.
4. (Previously Presented) The seat as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising alarm means for alarming that a large force is applied on at least one of the seatback and the leg rest, which is provided with the strain gauge therein, when the force that the strain gauge detected is larger than the predetermined reference value.